

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD BEFORE THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
OCTOBER 22, 2008**

A public hearing was held on Wednesday, October 22, 2008, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order. Presiding Officer Mayor William J. Schmitt called the public hearing to order at 6:40 p.m.

Roll Call.

Mayor William J. Schmitt	Present
Council members:	
John Schroeder	Present
David Prechtel	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present
City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the hearing, a majority of the members of the legislative body must be in attendance. All of the members were in attendance; therefore, there was a quorum for this hearing.

Pledge. Mayor Schmitt invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Purpose. Mayor Schmitt said the purpose of the hearing was to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on a proposed federally funded community development block grant project that includes sidewalk and storm water improvements to blighted infrastructure.

A notice appeared in the Herald on October 3, 2008. A notice was also posted at City hall and faxed to the news media.

Lisa Gehlhausen, Director of Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission, said this is the second of two public hearings needed for the grant application for approximately \$220,000.00 in program income for the storm water and sidewalk improvement project near 4th & Jackson Streets.

Gehlhausen then introduced Brad Eckerle with Crossroads Engineers who is the project engineer. Eckerle stated he enjoyed being in Jasper and was here to present the design aspects for the storm water and sidewalk improvement project. Eckerle then showed aerial photos of the 4th and Jackson Street area. The storm water improvement is necessary because the existing storm sewer has deteriorated. Eckerle then showed and explained three alternate designs for the location of the sidewalk. He said no definite location choice has been made because the firm wants to get feed back on the preliminary design. He is working with City Engineer Hurm and the Street Department to get a better idea of exactly what the City desires.

Mayor Schmitt then asked for public comments. No public comments were received.

Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Council member Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to close the public hearing. The motion carried 7-0 and the hearing closed at 6:55 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved _____ with X without corrections or clarification this 19th day of November, 2008.

Mayor William J. Schmitt
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer

Margaret A. Kress, Recording Secretary